

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call

3. Meditation And Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag

4. Consent Agenda - Approval Of Staff Recommendations

*(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)*

5. Approval Of Agenda And Additions

6. Presentations

o. Washington Metropolitan Council Of Governments

Chuck Bean, Executive Director of the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG), will be present to provide an update on COG. (CM)

7. Public Hearing - Acquisition Of 10-A Crescent Road

The City has the opportunity to acquire the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) unit at 10-A Crescent Road which is next to the Greenbelt Museum at 10-B Crescent Road. These units are the only two units at that address. (In GHI language, it would be to purchase the Right of Perpetual Use.)

The current Greenbelt Museum building was acquired by the City as part of its 50th anniversary in 1987. From the time the museum unit was acquired, persons associated with the museum have expressed an interest in 10-A being acquired as well for museum purposes. The unit at 10-A could become the office space for museum staff which would enable the museum to be available for tours on a more frequent basis. It would also provide space for hosting larger tour groups, provide space for researchers interested in Greenbelt, and present a comparison of original Greenbelt homes "then and now." The residents of 10-A, the Dwyers, had always been good neighbors to the museum, sharing information with interested visitors when the museum was closed. Another resident might not be so accommodating of these type of intrusions. The Dwyers resided in the home for 59 years and as such it is unknown when the unit might become available again.

Megan Searing Young, Museum Director, will speak on the value and potential uses of the unit. Sandra Lange, an original member of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM), will speak about the original vision of the museum. Steve Gilbert or Pamela Gregory, President and Vice-President of the current FOGM Board, will speak on the Board's interest. Following these comments, it is suggested comments from the public be heard. Discussions with Thomas Dwyer, who is executor of the estate, indicate he is willing to sell the unit to the City for \$200,000.

Following the comment period, Council direction is sought. If there is interest in pursuing the acquisition, a resolution can be prepared for introduction at the January 11, 2016 meeting and adoption at the January 25, 2016 meeting. Because the unit is part of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) cooperative, the GHI Board must approve the acquisition as well. This consideration is tentatively scheduled for the Board's January 21, 2016 meeting. (MPM)

Documents: [7 - REFERENCE.PDF](#)

8. Petitions And Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules)

9. Minutes Of Council Meetings

- o. Minutes, Work Session, August 31, 2015

Documents: [DRAFT MINUTES, WORK SESSION, 08-31-15.PDF](#)

- o. Minutes, Work Session, November 9, 2015

Documents: [DRAFT MINUTES, WORK SESSION, 11-09-2015.PDF](#)

- o. Minutes, Charter Meeting, November 9, 2015

Documents: [DRAFT MINUTES, CHARTER MEETING, 11-09-2015.PDF](#)

10. Administrative Reports

11. *Committee Reports

12. Letter To Governor Hogan – Support Of Syrian Refugees

Reference:

E-Mail, J. Hamlin, 11/19/2015

Draft Letter

List of Contact Agencies

Memorandum, L. Park, 12/09/2015

At the last meeting, Council accepted a petition from Joshua Hamlin requesting Council consider taking an action to: 1) welcome Syrian refugees to Greenbelt; and 2) urge local, state and federal leaders to work together to address the current Syrian refugee crisis by taking necessary steps to resettle refugees in the United States. Mr. Hamlin noted Governor Hogan's recent request that the federal government stop refugee resettlements in our State.

As requested by Council, this item is included on the agenda for discussion. A letter to Governor Hogan has been drafted and included as reference. The draft letter has been shared with members of the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA). To date, six GILA members have responded and all support the letter. (CM)

Documents: [13-E-MAIL, J. HAMLIN.PDF](#), [13-DRAFT LETTER.PDF](#), [13-AGENCY CONTACTS.PDF](#), [13-MEMORANDUM, L. PARK.DOCX](#)

13. Award Of Purchase – Public Works Equipment

Reference:

Memorandum, J. Sterling, 12/09/2015

NJPA Cost Sheets

The FY 2016 budget includes \$56,600 for the replacement of Public Works Parks Crew Units #429 (1989 Kubota Loader/Backhoe) and Unit #439 (1997 Kubota Mower). Unit #429 is a small backhoe with a failing hydraulic shift transmission that compromises its digging and lifting capabilities. The cost of repair would not be practical considering it is a 26 year old unit. Unit #439 has very limited capabilities, especially for snow removal, given it is a 19 year old unit.

Public Works staff has identified a 2015 Kubota L3901HST Loader/Backhoe available for purchase at a cost of \$29,958.55 and a 2015 Kubota F2690 Front-Deck Mower available for purchase at a cost of \$26,850.15 through the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) contract #070313-KBA with Kubota Tractor Corporation. Both units will meet the needs of the Parks Crew. Additionally, the Front-Deck Mower will provide the Parks Crew with three small tractors capable of clearing sidewalks which would allow for sidewalks to be cleared quicker during snow removal operations.

It is recommended Council approve the purchase of one (1) 2015 Kubota L3901HST Loader-Backhoe at a cost of \$29,958.55, and one (1) 2015 Kubota F2690 Front-Deck Mower at a cost of \$26,850.15, from Kubota Tractor Corporation in accord with National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) contract #070313-KBA. (CM)

Documents: [15-MEMORANDUM, J. STERLING.PDF](#), [15-NJPA COST SHEETS.PDF](#)

14. Council Reports

15. * Appointment Of Councilmembers To City Boards And Committees

At a work session on December 2, 2015, Council discussed the liaison assignments to various City advisory boards and committees. Listed below are the assignments tentatively agreed to at that meeting.

Advisory Committee on Education - Ms. Mach
Advisory Planning Board - Ms. Davis
Arts Advisory Board - Ms. Davis
Community Relations Advisory Board - Mr. Putens
Forest Preserve Advisory Board - Mr. Roberts
Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability - Mr. Herling
Park and Recreation Advisory Board - Mr. Jordan
Public Safety Advisory Committee - Ms. Pope
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee - Ms. Pope
Youth Advisory Committee - Mr. Roberts
Anacostia Trails Heritage Association - Ms. Davis

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will confirm these appointments for the next Council term. (CM)

16. * Appointment Of Councilmembers To Metropolitan Washington Council Of Governments Policy Boards And Committees

Reference:
Letter, C. Bean, 12/04/2015

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is soliciting appointments to COG's policy boards and committees for 2016. Council discussed these appointments at a work session on December 2 and tentatively agreed to the following appointments for 2016:

Board of Directors - Mayor Jordan
Alternate - Ms. Davis
Transportation Planning Board - Mr. Roberts
Alternate - Mr. Herling
Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Comm. - Ms. Mach
Alternate - Mr. Herling
Region Forward Coalition - Mr. Jordan
Alternate - Ms. Davis
Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee - Mr. Putens

Alternate - Ms. Pope
Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee - Mr. Herling
Alternate - Ms. Mach
Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee - Ms. Davis
Alternate - Mr. Putens

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to approve the COG policy board and committee appointments for 2016. (CM)

Documents: [18-LETTER, C. BEAN.PDF](#)

17. * Appointment To Advisory Group

Reference:
Application

Council interviewed Katherine McElhenny on December 3, 2014, for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Education and Julia Sharapi on December 7, 2015 for appointment to the Youth Advisory Committee. Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint Ms. McElhenny to ACE and Ms. Sharapi to YAC. (CM)

18. * Reappointment To Advisory Group

Reference:
Reappointment Application

Isabelle Gournay has indicated her willingness to continue to serve on the Advisory Planning Board. Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint Ms. Gournay to a new term on APB. (CM)

19. * Resignations From Advisory Groups

Reference:
Email, J. Berard, 11/24/2015

John Berard has submitted his resignation from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability. Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to accept his resignation with regret. (CM)

20. MEETINGS

Regular Meeting	Mon.	2/14	8:00 pm
Legislative Dinner	Tues.	2/15	6:00 pm
Work Session – Council Goals/Priorities - Post Election Discussion (CC)	Wed.	2/16	8:00 pm
Work Session – TBD	Mon.	2/21	8:00 pm
No Meeting	Wed.	2/23	

No Meeting	Mon.	2/28	
No Meeting	Wed.	2/30	
Work Session – Cablecast Upgrades/Review of Digital Integration Proposal	Mon.	1/04	8:00 pm
Work Session – Volunteerism Report (CC)	Wed.	1/06	8:00 pm
Regular Meeting	Mon.	1/11	8:00 pm
Work Session – County Executive (tentative) (CC)	Wed.	1/13	8:00 pm
City Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Mon.	1/18	
Work Session – M-NCPPC Zoning Rewrite (tentative) (CC)	Wed.	1/20	8:00 pm
PGCMA Meeting (Greenbelt)	Thur.	1/21	7:00 pm
Regular Meeting	Mon.	1/25	8:00 pm
Four Cities Meeting (College Park)	Wed.	1/27	7:30 pm

21. No Agenda For This Meeting Was Published For Web.